

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A portable audio device, comprising:
 - a) a digital audio player operable to convert digital signals stored in a memory to audio signals;
 - b) audio outputs operable to allow a user to hear the audio signals;
 - c) an expansion module operable to provide additional capacity to the digital audio player, wherein the expansion module resides on a removable component at a location away from the digital audio player, the removable component being communicatively coupled to the digital audio player when the digital audio player is playing audio signals; and
 - d) wherein the expansion module includes additional memory that is accessible by the digital audio player when the digital audio player is playing audio signals; and wherein the removable component comprises a remote control connected to the digital audio player and the audio outputs, wherein the remote control is operable to control the digital audio player.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) The portable audio device of claim 3 1, wherein the expansion module is removable from the remote control.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled).
7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A portable audio device, comprising:
- a) a digital audio player operable to convert digital signals to audio signals, the player comprising:
 - i) a memory operable to store digital signals;
 - ii) a battery operable to provide power; and
 - iii) a digital to analog converter operable to convert the digital signals to analog audio signals;audio outputs operable to allow a user to hear the audio signals;
 - b) a remote control in connection with the digital audio player and with the audio outputs, wherein the remote control is operable to allow a user to operate the digital audio player from the remote control;
 - c) an expansion module operable to provide additional capacity to the digital audio player, wherein the expansion module resides separate from the digital audio player on a ~~removable component, the removable component~~ the remote control, the remote control being communicatively coupled to the digital audio player when the digital audio player is playing audio signals; and
 - d) ~~audio outputs operable to allow a user to hear the audio signals; and~~
 - e) wherein the expansion module includes additional memory that is accessible by the digital audio player when the digital audio player is playing audio signals.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Currently amended) The portable audio device of claim 9 8, wherein the expansion module is removable from the remote control.
11. (Canceled)
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) The portable audio device of claim ~~14~~ 8, wherein the expansion module includes an additional battery for providing power to the digital audio player or includes additional memory for storing digital signals.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)